(b) and (c) LPG Distributor's Commission has been increased effective 1.9.1993 as per the details given below:

| Slab | Rate of Commission |
|---|---|
| 0—2500 refills sales p.m. | Rs. 7.30/Cyl (14.2 Kg.) |
| Above 2500 refills sales per month | Rs. 6.50//Cv (14.2 Ka.) |

Home delivery of LPG Cylinder has been considered as an integral part of the Distributors' function. However, consumer has been provided an option to lift the cylinder from godown/show room with a rebate of Rs. 2.50/Cyl.

**Industrial pipeline Natural Gas connections to Gujarat**

509. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHAN-SINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial pipeline Natural Gas connections issued by the Gujarat Government during the last two years;

(b) the criteria adopted by Government for issuing such gas connect-tions; and

*(c)* the number of applications received from the State of Guiarat for such new connections so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Si* such connections were given by Gas Authority of India Limited.

(b) Allocations of natural gas are based generally on the imputed values with preference being given to the power, fertiliser and steel sectors.

(c) No new applications are being entertained as the available gas is fully allocated.

**Discovery of new oil well at Bombay High by ONGC**

510. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that six new oil wells have been located.at the Bombay High by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation; and

(b) if so, what are the estimated reserves of these wells?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. During the current year, success in hydrocarbons exploration has been met with in six structures in Bombay Offshore basin.

(b) The data review/assessment has not been completed yet.

**Pricing of Slack Wax and Paraffin Wax**

511. SHRI 9. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the slack wax which is the raw material of Small Scale Industrial Units for manufacturing Parain Wax, has been placed under Free Trade Product, while their finished product i.e-Paraffin Wax is placed under the Administered, Pricing Product;

(b) if so, whether any representation has been received from the Association of Wax Manufacturers, seeking relief on account of the above discrimination; if so, what action has been taken by Government to safeguard the interests of these SSI Units from the exploitation by the larep scale sectors;